1 200 E CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK STATES PATENT S

In re application of

Jean-Luc GALZI et al.

Serial No. 09/445,205

Filed January 7, 2000

GROUP 1655

Examiner B. Sisson

USE OF A FLUORESCENT PROTEIN FOR DETECTING INTERACTION BETWEEN A TARGET PROTEIN AND ITS LIGAND

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond to the Official Action of January 17, 2001 for three months to July 17, 2001.

Please charge the extension fee of \$890 to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. If this fee is insufficient, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension fee to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A responsive paper is filed herewith.

07/19/2001 SMINASS1 00000017 250120 09445205 01 FC:117 890.00 CH

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG & THOMPSON

By

Andrew J. Parch

Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 32,925 745 South 23rd Street

Arlington, VA 22202

Telephone: 703/521-2297

July 17, 2001